

MINUTES

Workforce Connection

Of Central New Mexico

Youth Council

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

4:00 pm

Mid-Region Council of Governments

Call to Order – 3:58 pm - Ramona Chavez

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Ramona Chavez

Present

Rosa Auletta

Reyes Gonzales

Maria Rinaldi

Renee Lodan for Dr. Emily Salazar

Absent

Bob Davey

Elise McConnell

Marty Mondragon

Isabel Sanchez

Michael Stanton

Quorum Established

Approval of Thursday, May 8, 2012 Agenda

Motion: Maria Rinaldi

Second: Reyes Gonzales

No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

Tab 1. Approval of Minutes, Youth Council: January 10, 2012

Motion: Maria Rinaldi

Second: Reyes Gonzales

No Discussion

Action: Passed unanimously by voice vote

Tab 2. Monthly Expenditure Report – by Jesse Turley, WIA Accountant Manager

- Jesse Turley, WIA Accountant, explained the WIA Youth Program monthly expenditure report for April 30, 2012.
- Youth Program formula expenditures as of April 30, 2012 total one million, sixty-five thousand, one hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,065,150).
- Projected carry in for PY12 is \$129,283.

Questions and comments followed.

ACTION ITEMS

None

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tab 3. Junior Achievement Presentation – By Zoey Martinez

- Zoey Martinez, Representative of Junior Achievement, gave a brief explanation of their program; she explained that Junior Achievement has been around since 1919 and in New Mexico since 1993.
- The program has served around 19 million kids across the world.
- It started out with high school students then moved on to elementary as well.
- The program provides K-12 programing, focusing on financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship in the classroom and schools.
- Junior Achievement strives to help prepare youth for the world and has been meeting with staff and YDI to possibly begin a pilot program for the youth in the central region.

Questions and Comments Followed.

Tab 4. Discussion of possibilities for more youth services – By Rosa Auletta, Youth Council Chair

- Ms. Auletta asked if the Youth Council through YDI can offer more youth services in Valencia County for the summer with maybe some computer classes or GED preparation.
- Ms. Jerilynn Sans, explained that WIA is held to ten elements within the act and we are not allowed to go outside those elements.
- There's a range of things that the program can do with the help of business and partner involvement that may not be paid through the WIA Program, but by employers wanting to do mentoring or job shadowing.
- Ms. Auletta also stated that there is no waiting list for GED classes in Valencia County.

Questions and Comments Followed.

Tab 5. Changes in Education Funding- July 1st – by Rosa Auletta, Youth Council Chair

- Ms. Auletta explained that students who do not have their GED or High School Diploma will no longer qualify for Pell Grants with the new law going into effect.
- Students who are in college and have been receiving Pell Grants before July 1, 2012 will be grandfathered in and will continue to receive Pell Grants, if eligible.
- Pell grants have also been changed from 18 months to 12 months.
- She stated that it's going to become difficult for students who don't have a GED or High School Diploma to receive help with college tuition.

Reports

Administrative Reports – by Jerilynn Sans, WIA Manager

- Ms. Sans explained that the Administrative Entity completed the Internal Audit with YDI.

- An exit conference has been scheduled for May 9, 2012; there were no findings, only training issues within VOSS.
- We still have not received the PY12 budget from NMDWS, however, we are expecting around the same funding amount as PY11
- WCCNM is planning to ramp up the youth enrollments for summer work experience.
- Mayor Jack Torres has established more worksites in the Bernalillo; YDI will work with Bernalillo to enroll more students.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT

- ♦ **Public Comment** – None
- ♦ **Adjournment** – 5:01 pm

NOTES

Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2012
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Mid-Region Council of Governments

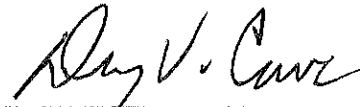
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Approved at the August 20, 2012 WCCNM Special Youth Council Meeting:



Youth Council Chair

ATTEST:



Secretary